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The early career of super-spy James Bond 007 will be explored in a series of comic books set for 2015.

Province says some Sinclair inquiry changes taking time

Half are done or being done, says minister.

Opposition accuses NDP of dragging heels

The Manitoba government says it will take years to implement some of the recommendations from a public inquiry into the province's troubled child-welfare system and the death of Phoenix Sinclair.

Half of 62 recommendations from last year's inquiry report have been put into effect or are works in progress, said Family Services Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross on Wednesday. Among them is a call for an improved centralized database to ensure more children are properly monitored and don't slip through the cracks.

"We're doing a project scope for the technology and ... it will take a number of years in order to get the technology implemented," she said.

Another key recommendation — to ease the load of social workers so they handle

no more than 20 files at any time — is still being dealt with through the hiring of more staff, she added.

Other inquiry recommendations, such as improved training for social workers and a regulatory body for them similar to those for doctors and nurses, are to be fulfilled next year.

The minister's comments come 10 months after the government received the final report from the \$14-million inquiry into Phoenix's beating death in 2005. The five-year-old girl spent much of her life in care and was horrifically abused after being returned to her mother, Samantha Kematch. The child was beaten to death by Kematch and Kematch's boyfriend, Karl McKay.

The Manitoba government is committed to all 62 recommendations and plans to release a progress report early next year, Irvin-Ross said.

The Opposition Progressive Conservatives accused the government of dragging its heels and said some of the problems highlighted in the inquiry report were first raised in internal investigations in 2006.

"It's been quite awhile in process and we are looking at at least a year before any real action is taken on many of the recommendations," family services critic Ian Wishart said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Phoenix Sinclair in an undated handout photo. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Workload

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One key recommendation is to ease the load of social workers so they handle no more than 20 files at any time.

Killer pleads guilty, guilty, guilty, not guilty

A man who has repeatedly tried to plead guilty to killing a Manitoba woman eight years ago has changed his mind.

Traigo Andretti has pleaded not guilty in the death of Myrna Letandre in 2006 and is currently heading to trial without a lawyer. Andretti is already serving a life sentence for killing and dismembering

his wife in British Columbia.

The 38-year-old has tried to plead guilty three times before various judges in Manitoba but was rejected because it wasn't before the proper level of court.

However, when he was formally given the chance to enter a plea on Monday, Andretti pleaded not guilty.

"Are you maintaining your position, your plea of not guilty?" Justice Shane Perlmuter asked Andretti again Wednesday.

"Yes," said Andretti, softly.

Letandre, who was 37 and originally from Pinaymootang (Fairford) First Nation, was reported missing by her sister in 2006. Her remains were found

in a Winnipeg rooming house in May 2013.

Police said she was in a relationship with Andretti, also known as Dylan Harold Grubb, before she vanished.

A joint unit of RCMP and Winnipeg police officers waited for Vancouver police to complete their investigation into the death of Andretti's

wife before charging him and bringing him to Winnipeg.

Andretti was given a mandatory life sentence with no chance of parole for at least 25 years in April after pleading guilty to the first-degree murder of his wife, Jennifer McPherson, who was also a longtime Winnipeg resident.

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Election Roundup: Riel Community District

Metro Winnipeg is providing an overview of the council races, with today's edition looking at the three wards that make up the Riel Community District: St. Boniface, St. Vital and St. Norbert. Candidate names are in the same order as they'll appear on the ballots. Visit metronews.ca/tag/winnipeg-civic-election-2014 for all of our election coverage.

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Matt Allard SHANE GIBSON/METRO

St. Boniface

Candidates: Paul Najda, Matt Allard, Ryan Davies, Brad Gross

Four candidates are in a sprint to replace a St. Boniface political heavyweight, with one already looking impossible to catch.

That titan, Dan Vandal, who represented the ward for a better part of two decades and trounced his opponent in 2010 by nearly 12,000 votes, announced in the spring that he'd be hanging up his municipal gloves in order to get into the federal ring for the Liberal Party.

Quick to launch his candidacy was Matt Allard, the bilingual president of the Old St. Boniface Residents' Association and CEO of the Francophone Chamber of Commerce.

"I declared my intention to run in January," said Allard, adding that his campaign has seen 300 volunteers so far. "Until mere days before the registration deadline, I was alone on the ballot, only to have three other candidates jump in at the eleventh hour. I have demonstrated, through my years of community services, what kind of councillor I will be."

Allard's competitors — Brad Gross, Ryan Davies and Paul Najda — have been working hard to gain more visibility among voters.

Gross said people do care about this election, and are pointing to traffic and safety as key issues that need fixing.

"Some people who are running, I'm not sure they have progressive ideas that can help the citizens and save long-term money for more services down the road," he said.

Davies and Najda believe Allard has ties to special interest and political groups that would not be beneficial to ward residents.

"That's a huge difference, I'm sort of that insurgent candidate that doesn't have those special interest ties and is not going to owe favours to people once I get into city hall," Davies said.

Najda said Allard is only focused on one part of the ward, Old St. Boniface.

"I, on the other hand, am completely independent and would be prepared to treat all constituents equally and fairly," said Najda.



Glenn Churchill SHANE GIBSON/METRO

St. Vital

Candidates: Steven Hennessey, Brian Mayes (incumbent), Glenn Churchill

The race for St. Vital councillor is less crowded now than it was during the byelection in 2011 that saw Brian Mayes prevail over nine (count 'em!) competitors.

The reason for the byelection? Gord Steeves, yes, the same man who's now in the hunt to become Winnipeg mayor, left his council seat of a decade for an unsuccessful run at the provincial level for the Progressive Conservatives.

The current race pits Mayes against a 2011 rival, Steven Hennessey, who sits on two citizen committees at city hall, and Glen Churchill, a transportation engineer.

Both Hennessey and Churchill are critical of incumbent Mayes for his Winnipeg Labour Council endorsement, saying he represents partisan politics.

"I don't have a political party, big money or special interest groups backing me," said Hennessey, adding that residents he's spoken to are tired of what they see as the "mismanagement of tax dollars."

Churchill, who believes his engineering experience would be an asset to council, said being a councillor "means working for and representing all of the residents of St. Vital, not just attending ribbon cuttings, announcements and photo ops."

Mayes said the fact that he was named to the executive policy committee and voted against Mayor Sam Katz numerous times shows that he's not " beholden " to any person or party.

"I've been able to work with people from different parties and different political backgrounds, so I intend to keep doing that," he said. "Some people who didn't back me in the last campaign are backing me this time, and I really appreciate that."

Mayes also said that he's sticking by a decision to not engage in political attacks on his opponents, preferring instead to highlight what he's achieved for his community, such as a new program for gravel back lanes, changes to the snow clearing of the problematic Zone J, improvements to local parks and libraries, and the Arden Seven war memorial.



Sachit Mehra SHANE GIBSON/METRO

St. Norbert

Candidates: Joe Chan, Janice Lukes, Sachit Mehra

A wide-open race with two strong candidates and a third who gained notoriety for taking Mayor Sam Katz to court, St. Norbert is one to watch.

Justin Swandel, who represented the ward since 2005, announced earlier this year that he wouldn't be seeking re-election, leaving his seat up for grabs.

Entrepreneur Sachit Mehra, who owns East India Company, and Janice Lukes of the Winnipeg Trails Association are locked in a tight tussle.

"I am non-stop door knocking and meeting people — and will be till the 22nd," Lukes said in an email to Metro that included criticism of where her opponents' restaurants are located — "nowhere near the St. Norbert ward" — and their "deep political ties."

Lukes has cast herself as the "only candidate who is not a card-carrying member of any political party"; however, she's worked as the executive assistant to the very politically connected Swandel, which is not mentioned on her website's homepage.

Mehra sees the endorsements he's received, including that of the Winnipeg Labour Council, as a point of strength, that many people from different walks of life see him as the best candidate.

"I have been upfront about all the relationships I have built and the broad support that our campaign has had, I've had hard-working city employees all the way to the business community, all the way to families that are interested in their daycare spaces and school spaces, coming behind our campaign," he said.

Third candidate Joe Chan is doing double duty in this campaign, as he's also managing Coun. Harvey Smith's re-election bid in the Daniel McIntyre ward.

Chan, the owner of restaurant Cathay House, filed a lawsuit against Katz for hosting a \$3,000 Christmas party in December 2010 for city councillors and staff at an Asian restaurant he owned. If found guilty, Katz could have been removed from office; however, Chan lost the case in April of 2013 and then lost an appeal of the original ruling.



David Sanders discussing his ideas to engage more young Winnipeggers on Wednesday. COLIN FAST/FOR METRO

City can do better for youth: Sanders

'Youth-friendly city hall.' Mayoral candidate refuses to give specific timelines or dollar amounts

COLIN FAST
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A day after promising he'd make Winnipeg a better city for seniors, mayoral candidate David Sanders turned his attention to the other end of the age spectrum.

Pledging to create a "youth-friendly city hall," Sanders said he'd try to in-

Appointed deputy minister
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David Sanders was only 28 years old when he was appointed deputy minister of urban affairs by Premier Ed Schreyer in 1976.

volve young people in the decision-making process by including them on more civic boards and commissions.

"Above all, we need to listen to the voices of our youth," he said.

He also outlined a number of areas where he said the city "can do much better for our young people," such as providing lower transit fares,

better bike and pedestrian paths, additional outdoor recreation spaces, a living wage policy for city staff and contractors, and more affordable housing options.

But, as in his previous announcements, Sanders refused to give specific details, timelines or dollar amounts for any of his ideas, saying he'd have to discuss them with city council first.

Sanders also urged young voters to take part in the election, and "prove all the pundits wrong."

"Each one of you can make a difference in our community, in your neighbourhood and in your own quality of life."

Train derailed

Wadena crash a warning for Winnipeg, says Ouellette

Mayoral candidate Robert Falcon Ouellette seized upon this week's train derailment near Wadena, Sask., to renew his call for rail lines to be relocated outside of Winnipeg.

"This accident shows that everyone has an interest in making sure an accident like this never happens next to thousands of homes," he said Wednesday.

Tuesday's derailment of 26 rail cars happened 20 kilometres from Wadena. Six of the cars contained dangerous materials. **METRO**

Lori Douglas. Panel won't probe sexual harassment claim against senior judge

A senior Manitoba judge whose husband posted nude photographs of her on the Internet without telling her will no longer have to defend herself against sexual harassment allegations as part of a bitter fight to keep her job. The Canadian Press has learned.

Documents show a Canadian Judicial Council inquiry panel has quietly decided against looking into whether Associate Chief Justice Lori Douglas was involved in sexually harassing a former client of her husband's before she became a judge.

Independent counsel

The decision to drop the complaint, according to a source, was made during a recent conference call on the advice of the committee's independent counsel, Suzanne Cote.

The allegation featured prominently in the first round of hearings, which collapsed in acrimony amid accusations the committee was biased against the family court judge. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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German man tells jury about days spent with Magnotta before arrest

Jun Lin murder case.

Court hears that Frank Rubert allowed accused into his Berlin home, unaware man was wanted by police

The man who housed Luka Rocco Magnotta in Berlin says the accused murderer had a few thousand euro, no luggage and was reportedly looking for a fresh start after breaking up with a lover.

Frank Rubert told Magnotta's murder trial on Wednesday the entire encounter with Magnotta — online and in person — spanned several days in May and June 2012.

He met Magnotta on a chat website called GayRomeo while looking for a roommate.

Testifying through an interpreter, Rubert said they spent



Witness Frank Rubert, left, from Berlin, leaves the courtroom with police investigators after testifying at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta Wednesday in Montreal. Magnotta is charged in connection with the murder of student Jun Lin in a case that made international headlines. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

much of their time together shopping, eating and drinking, but did not have sex because Magnotta wasn't his type.

Rubert said he didn't want to bring Magnotta home when he first saw him at the bus

station. The native of Scarborough, Ont., looked greasy and unkempt, but Rubert decided to bring him home because he didn't want to leave him alone in Berlin with nowhere to go.

Magnotta, 32, has pleaded

not guilty to five charges in the murder and dismemberment of Chinese student Jun Lin. He has admitted to the acts he's accused of, but is arguing he is not criminally responsible by way of mental disorder.

In the days after the killing, he flew to France before heading to the German capital and hooking up with Rubert.

Rubert told the jury they socialized for four days without anything untoward happen-

ing. On the day of Magnotta's arrest, the pair had parted ways for a few hours. During that time, Rubert picked up a newspaper and saw a chilling image inside: a photo of Magnotta with a story describing an international manhunt for his arrest on suspicion of murder.

While Rubert contacted police and waited at a nearby station, an Internet café employee had flagged down police after seeing Magnotta in the café.

"On that day I reflected, and thought how stupid was I to let just anybody come into my apartment without knowing what kind of a person this was," Rubert said, adding the German police wished him a happy birthday after the arrest.

"I replied it's not my birthday and the police said yes, it is, because you could have been the next."

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Lac-Mégantic. Coroner issues report, says deaths could have been avoided

A Quebec coroner says the deaths of 47 people in the explosion of an oil tanker train in Lac-Mégantic, Que., in July 2013 could have been avoided.

Dr. Martin Clavet issued a report Wednesday for each of the 47 victims. He notes he can't comment about civil or criminal responsibility because of pending criminal charges.

Clavet is urging Ottawa to review its regulations to deter-

mine the number of brakes that need to be enabled on trains. He is also recommending that the federal government ensures trains carrying dangerous materials on a main track have proper supervision.

A federal measure to that effect expired in 2013 and Clavet is recommending it be re-introduced until Canadian rail companies implement more security measures. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Smoke rises from railway cars carrying crude oil that derailed in downtown Lac-Mégantic, Que., on July 6, 2013. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Euthanasia

Poll: Canadians strongly support assisted dying

An overwhelming majority of Canadians surveyed in an online poll support assisted dying for those suffering from a terminal illness that results in "unbearable suffering," a pro-euthanasia group said Wednesday, ahead of a Supreme Court of Canada hearing on the controversial issue.

The online survey —

commissioned by the euthanasia-supporting group Dying With Dignity Canada and conducted by Ipsos Reid — found that more than 90 per cent of respondents agree with the concept of assisted dying.

"Support in our poll was across every age group, every income bracket, all education levels, both genders and community regardless of size," said Wanda Morris, CEO of Dying With Dignity Canada. "We believe that it's time to stop unwanted suffering at end of life, now." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Afghanistan

Five executed for armed robbery, gang rape

Afghan authorities have executed five men who were convicted of armed robbery and gang rape, the Kabul police chief said.

Gen. Mohammad Zahir Zahir says the men were hanged Wednesday. Then-President Hamid Karzai approved the execution order last month on his last day in office, a rare authorization in his more than decade-long tenure.

In August, eight men, some dressed in police uniforms, stopped an Afghan family's car outside Kabul and sexually assaulted four of the women in the family, including one who was pregnant. They were dragged out of the vehicle into an area where their male family members could hear the women screaming.

Seven were sentenced to be executed, but the charges for two were reduced to 20 years in prison. Three suspects remain at large.

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Blood Moon takes over sky

The Earth's shadow is cast over the moon during a total lunar eclipse, behind a hospital's water tower early Wednesday morning in Jackson, Miss. The moon appears orange or red, the result of sunlight scattering off Earth's atmosphere. ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistani-Indian heavy fire leaves four civilians dead

Degrading relations.

Hostilities between countries the worst violation of 2003 ceasefire to date: India

Troops traded heavy fire between Pakistan and Indian-controlled Kashmir, killing at least four civilians and worsening tensions between the longtime rivals, officials on both sides said Wednesday.

The fire exchanges, which Indian officials called the worst violation of a 2003 ceasefire, also wounded 18 civilians on the Indian side and another three on the Pakistani side.

The violence has spread since Sunday night along the 200-kilometre border between Pakistan's Punjab province



An injured Indian boy is carried on a stretcher for treatment to a medical college hospital in Jammu, India, following an attack from the Pakistani side of the border in Samba on Wednesday. Both Pakistan and India have accused the other of provoking violence. CHANNI ANAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir. That lower-altitude border, guarded by paramilitary border forces, is lined on both sides by ancient villages and agricultural fields.

Tens of thousands have

fled homes on both sides. In total, nine civilians on the Pakistani side and seven on the Indian have been killed in the last three nights of fighting, officials said.

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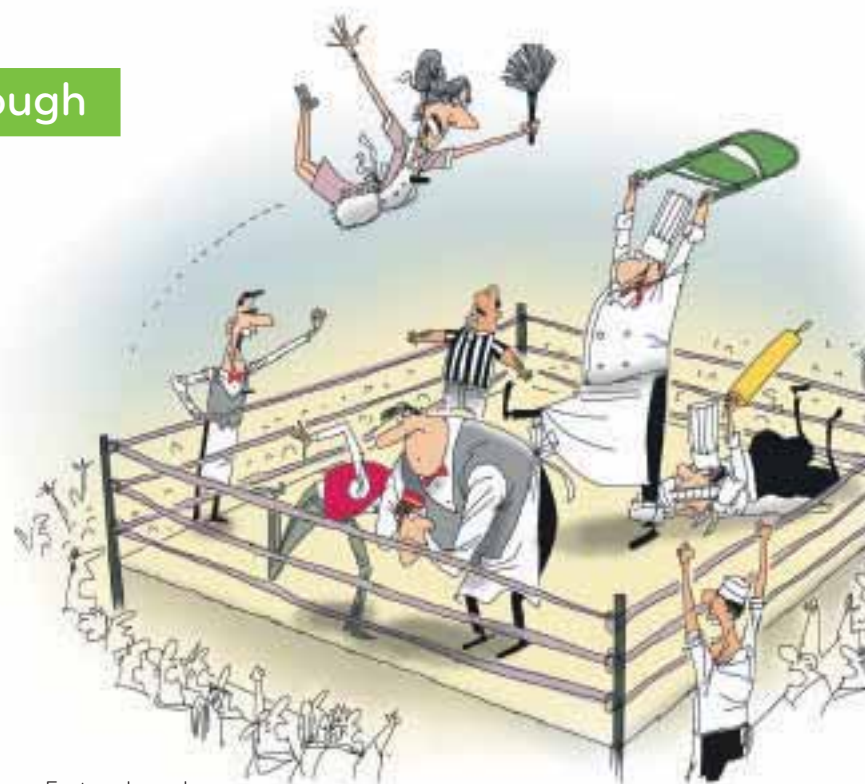
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Virus worries. Spain euthanizes dog of Ebola-infected woman

Monkeys, bats and a menagerie of animals can spread Ebola. Now there's worry that dogs — or one dog in particular — might spread it, too.

Officials in Madrid got a court order to euthanize the pet of a Spanish nursing assistant who has the deadly virus.

The dog was killed on Wednesday.

No case of Ebola spreading to people from dogs

has been documented, but "we want to look at all possibilities," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Medical staff in Madrid, Spain, carry a person injured on Wednesday after clashes between riot police and protesters. Protesters were blocking a street to stop a vehicle believed to be transporting a dog belonging to a Spanish nursing assistant infected with Ebola. ANDRES KUDACKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Screening

Canada to step up border checks for Ebola virus

Minister of Health Rona Ambrose says border agents will start to use targeted temperature screens in an effort to prevent people sick with the disease from entering the country.

The U.S. government also says it will start to use enhanced airport screening for incoming passengers at the five airports that handle most flights from the affected West African countries.

That word comes on the same day it was announced that the Liberian man hospitalized with Ebola in Dallas, Texas, had died.

Canada gets few travelers from the affected countries; only 1.5 per cent of all travel from the three countries comes to Canada.

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NewLink Genetics

Vaccine maker working fast

With talk turning to the idea that Ebola vaccines and drugs may be needed to quell the West African outbreak, the tiny U.S. company that holds the licence for a Canadian-made vaccine says it is working as fast as it can to get that option tested and ready for use. NewLink Genetics says at least five clinical trials involving the vaccine, known as VSV-EBOV, will soon be underway in the United States, Germany, Switzerland and in an unnamed African country that is not battling Ebola. As well, the Canadian government has said it wants to conduct a trial in this country.

Vaccine for these studies will be provided by the Canadian government, said a spokesperson for NewLink, which is based in Ames, Iowa.

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Taking precautionary steps as Ebola virus spreads

A teacher uses a thermometer to check the temperature of students at Aiyetoro African Church Nursery and Primary school in Lagos, Nigeria, on Wednesday. Spotting any symptoms early is a key factor in treating Ebola patients, according to health experts. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ebola victim wanted to see his son graduate

'Dealing with the sorrow'. Visit to the U.S. represented decades of effort in West Africa

Thomas Eric Duncan, the first Ebola patient diagnosed in the United States, grew up next to a leper colony in Liberia and was forced to flee from years of war before returning to his country, years later, to find it ravaged by the disease that ultimately took his life as well.

Duncan, 42, arrived in Dallas, Texas, in late September, realizing a long-held ambition to join relatives. He came to attend the high-school graduation of his son, who was born in a refugee camp in Ivory Coast and was brought to the U.S. as a toddler when the boy's mother successfully applied

for resettlement.

"His son had told his mother, 'I want to see my dad. Can we help my dad to come?' And they fixed his papers to come to this country," said Duncan's brother Wilfred Smallwood.

The trip was the culmination of decades of effort, friends and family members said. But when Duncan arrived in Dallas, though he showed no symptoms, he had already been exposed to Ebola. Duncan's life reflected the common hardships of many Liberians who fled or endured the country's 14 years of civil war.

Duncan's half-sister, Mai Wureh, had arrived with her husband in the U.S. in 1989, shortly before Charles Taylor's invasion, and helped her family apply for resettlement there, but the application was denied.

Duncan, Smallwood and about 20 other family



Thomas Eric Duncan
WILMOT CHAYEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

members fled in the opposite direction from Taylor, to a refugee camp outside the Ivorian border city of Danane. It was there that Duncan met Louise Troh.

"We all lived in Ivory Coast in the refugee camp, and by 1994, they were boyfriend and girlfriend," said Thomas Kwenah, a lifelong friend.

When Troh's resettlement application was approved, she took the couple's three-year-old son, Karsiah, and moved first to Boston and later to Dallas, but Duncan's visa application continued to be denied. Along with relatives, Duncan migrated from Danane to Buduburam, a sprawling, city-like refugee camp in Ghana.

This year, Duncan was summoned to the U.S. In a recent conversation, Kwenah said, Duncan had confided that he "wanted to marry that girl in Dallas."

Duncan arrived at Troh's apartment in Dallas on Sept. 20.

Troh said in a statement Wednesday that she is "dealing with the sorrow and anger" that Karsiah Duncan was unable to visit Duncan at the hospital Tuesday evening, and so never saw his father again.

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School of horror runaway's coffin dug up bodiless

Florida's Dozier School.

Researchers had hoped to perform a skeletal autopsy to find out how boy died in 1925

Anthropologists investigating the deaths of dozens of boys at a closed Florida reform school dug up a decades-old grave in Philadelphia looking for the body of one of the boys only to find a casket filled with wood.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that University of South Florida forensic researchers were expecting to find the body of Thomas Curry, who died in 1925 from what a coroner said

'Dog boys' go boy hunting

It was common at the Dozier School for Boys for armed guards to search for runaways. School officials referred to it as "boy hunting," a guard said in 2009.

- Sometimes trustees from a nearby prison, known as "dog boys," were called in to help search.
- Former wards have said they were brutally beaten after being caught while trying to escape.

was a crushed skull after running away from the Dozier School for Boys in the town

of Marianna.

Curry met his death by some railroad tracks near Chattahoochee in 1925, trying to run away after serving just 29 days for delinquency at the hellish reform school some 32 kilometres away.

His body was shipped by train to his grandmother in Philadelphia, where services were held at a Catholic church, and a box was buried at the Old Cathedral Cemetery in West Philadelphia, on top of a casket that held his great-grandmother.

Burial records at the archdiocese show the exact spot where Curry was buried and name the church. The records go even further, saying he was "killed by train."

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Indonesian cave art found to be as old as Europe's

Archaeologists say these stencils of hands in a cave in Indonesia are between 35,000 and 40,000 years old, putting them roughly in the same period as drawings found in famous pre-historic art in Europe, according to a new study published Wednesday in the journal Nature. The finding suggests humans had already evolved with the capacity of creating art when they left Africa 65,000 years ago, much earlier than scientists had thought. KINEZ RIZA-NATURE MAGAZINE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennessee. Autopsy settles how twins died

Twin brothers whose decomposing remains were found in reclining chairs in their Tennessee home March 29 died from heart disease and diabetes, authorities said Wednesday.

Results of autopsies and toxicology examinations show 63-year-old Anthony Larry Johnson died as a result of arteriosclerotic heart disease. Shortly afterward, his twin, Andrew Gary Johnson, died of diabetes mellitus.

Andrew Johnson had been relying on his brother to monitor glucose levels and insulin dosage because he was disabled and had severe vision problems, said Chattanooga police. So when Anthony Johnson died, his brother could not treat his illness and he died too.

Officials said the condition of the bodies suggested both men had been dead since 2011.

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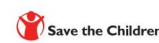
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Online meddlers can't run and can't hide from WikiWash

In March 2014, Metro's digital team headed to Toronto's inaugural edition of Techcrunch, a data journalism crash course sponsored by Google, the Center for Investigative Reporting and The Working Group. The prize at the end was a sizeable chunk of TWG's time to develop a data journalism tool pitched by an attending team. Metro's team won over the judges, and WikiWash is the result.



Metro digital reporter Luke Simcoe demonstrates the WikiWash program in Toronto Wednesday. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO IN TORONTO



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According to itself, Wikipedia is the fifth-most popular website on Earth.

It boasts a staggering 21 billion monthly page views and the English edition alone contains 4.6 million articles — 100 times that of Encyclopedia Britannica.

Since its inception in 2001, Wikipedia has become the Internet era's de facto archive. However, with that status comes great responsibility, for a single malicious or incorrect edit can ripple outwards, carried into the broader discourse by the 500 million people who visit the site each month.

One of the earliest hoaxes on Wikipedia occurred in 2005. An article on U.S. journalist John Seigenthaler falsely claimed he was a suspect in the Kennedy assassination. The entry remained online for six months before being discovered, and the ensuing outcry led the Wikimedia Foundation to ban unregistered users from creating pages.

Two years later, a 24-year-old Caltech student named Virgil Griffith created WikiScanner, an online tool that linked changes made by anonymous

Wikipedia editors to the organizations from which the changes were made. Griffith's tool revealed edits made from IP addresses connected to numerous governments, businesses and agencies, including the CIA, the Vatican and the Canadian government.

Griffith said he developed WikiScanner "to create minor public relations disasters for companies and organizations I dislike (and) to see what 'interesting organizations' (which I am neutral towards) are up to." Most of the edits discovered by WikiScanner were harmless, but it was a wake-up call. The public learned governments and corporations had Wikipedia on their radar and weren't above meddling with it to preserve their image.

There are currently 287 language editions of Wikipedia, meaning spin and vandalism on the site is truly a global issue. (Check out the map on the next page to see some editing controversies from around the world.)

As Wikipedia's audience continues to grow, so too does the capacity for political and corporate spin on the site. Earlier this year, a WikiMedia employee was fired after being caught editing entries on behalf of paying clients. In July,

Background

The seeds of an idea



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It all started because we thought it would be fun to map the sort of chicanery Toronto's absurdly partisan politics inspired on Wikipedia.

Shortly after Metro's digital team arrived at Techcrunch, we were assigned a fairly simple task: Come up with a data journalism pitch to throw your freshly tuned techniques at.

Our kernel was telling the story of Toronto's municipal election through Wikipedia edits. What invented indiscre-

media outlets reported computers linked to the Kremlin were editing the Wikipedia article on Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 to downplay Russia's possible role in the crash.

"It's not really surprising," said Wikimedia spokesperson Katherine Maher.

"A place that's relied on by so many is also a place where

tions would worm their way into our notorious incumbent's entry? If somebody was spotted sowing confusion on a candidate's page, what other entries had drawn their attention?

That kernel went on to be heated by several rounds of prodding and encouragement from our Center for Investigative Reporting and The Working Group hosts.

They challenged us to expand our idea and cast our eye toward Wikipedia itself. The site's open nature is its greatest strength and its greatest weakness.

A way to easily sort what entries are being targeted by ill-intentioned edits, where the edits are being made from and even how they're being

corrected could go a long way to taming the more damaging aspects of Wikipedia's crowdsourcing model.

So it was time to think big. How much data could realistically be scraped from Wikipedia? Would we be able to search a constellation of pages to dig up potential patterns? What's the best way to display it?

Eventually, chats with our hosts grew shorter and the question primarily became, "Wait, this doesn't already exist?"

It didn't. Now it does. WikiWash still has a distance to go before it becomes what we think it can be, but we couldn't be happier to share it with you while we watch it grow.

you'll find those with an interest, an agenda or a point of view that's not neutral."

With that in mind, Metro News has created WikiWash. Designed in the spirit of WikiScanner, the tool takes things a step further by allowing users to track edits to Wikipedia in real time. And unlike other tools, WikiWash displays edits

on the Wikipedia page itself, putting any changes in context.

While tools like WikiWash have historically revealed Wikipedia's vulnerabilities, Maher believes they're a valuable part of the project.

"We're always excited when we see them," she said. "They're really an extension of the intent of Wikipedia. If you

What is WikiWash?

- WikiWash is a search engine that reveals the edit history of a Wikipedia entry. To learn which users have been editing a page, simply paste the link or IP address of the person behind it. Clicking on each edit's summary will highlight the specific changes that were made, be it simply correcting a typo, or something a little shadier.
- So what to do with all these edit histories? Well, that's up to you.

start giving people open tools to create and share knowledge and participate in democracy, then the sky's the limit on what they'll actually do with them."

Ed Summers, creator of the @CongressEdits Twitter account, agrees. The automated account tweets edits made by IP addresses assigned to the U.S. Congress. The project has spawned clones across the world, including Canada.

"I created @congressedits because I hoped it could engender more, better ideas and tools like it. More thought experiments. More care for our communities and peoples," Summers wrote in a recent blog post.

It's a lofty goal, and one that prompted Metro to create WikiWash. Whether it's uncovering a political conspiracy, or just learning more about what makes Wikipedia tick, we're excited to see how readers make use of WikiWash.

Check it out and let us know what you find at wikiwash@metronews.ca.

Online coverage

Follow @MetroNewsCanada on Twitter to find out when WikiWash will be available.



A brief history of Wikipedia editing gone awry

B.C. parliament buildings

Ahead of the 2013 B.C. provincial election, an edit war erupted on the Wikipedia entries for Liberal Premier Christy Clark and NDP Leader Adrian Dix. Partisan supporters on both sides were accused of grooming the leaders' pages, removing any mention of past scandals.



U.S. House of Representatives

In 2005, the IP address assigned to the U.S. House of Representatives was blocked from editing Wikipedia due to "a deliberate attempt to compromise the integrity of the encyclopedia."



U.K. parliament

In March 2012, it was discovered that U.K. MPs or their staff had made almost 10,000 edits to the encyclopedia. Many of the changes dealt with removing unflattering details from Wikipedia during the 2009 expenses scandal.



Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

In July 2014, the Daily Telegraph reported that IP addresses belonging to the Russian government had edited articles related to Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 to remove claims that it had helped provide the missile system used to shoot down the aircraft.



California Institute of Technology

In 2007, Caltech student Virgil Griffith created WikiScanner, a tool that cross-referenced edits to Wikipedia and the organizations from which the changes were made. Griffith's tool revealed potentially spurious editing conducted by addresses linked to numerous governments, businesses or agencies, ranging from the CIA to the Vatican.



Gulf of Mexico

In March 2013, it was revealed that an employee of British Petroleum (BP) was editing the company's Wikipedia page following the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill.



Croatia

In September 2013, newspapers reported that the Croatian-language edition of Wikipedia had been hijacked by a group intent on promoting anti-gay sentiment. The malicious edits prompted the country's minister of education to issue a warning to students not to trust the content of the site.



Goa, India

In January 2013, an article on the "Bicholim conflict" — an alleged war in the Indian Goa — was revealed to be a complete fabrication. Prior to the revelation, the article had been listed in good standing for more than five years.



Hairy 'persons' case. N.Y. court to decide if chimps deserve basic rights

A New York appeals court will decide whether chimpanzees should be declared "persons" rather than "things" so the animals can be freed from what critics call inhumane imprisonment.

Attorney Steven Wise argued Wednesday on behalf of Tommy, who lives alone in a cage in upstate Fulton County. A trial level judge refused a request by Wise and his Non-human Rights Project to have Tommy released to join other chimps at a Florida sanctuary.

Wise argues that animals with human qualities, such as chimps, deserve basic rights, including freedom from imprisonment. He's also seeking the release of three other chimps in New York.

Tommy's owner, Patrick Lavery of Gloversville, told the Albany Times-Union the



A chimp is seen here inside a zoo.
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chimpanzee is happy and has cable TV and a stereo for entertainment.

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Creamy defence. Probiotic yogurt may protect you from certain toxins: Study

If you want to defend yourself against poison, eat yogurt.

That's the — simplified — idea behind research published by experts in London, Ont.

A study led by scientists at Lawson Health Research Institute showed that probiotic yogurt can reduce the absorption of certain heavy metals and environmental toxins by as much as 78 per cent in pregnant women.

"We can't help being exposed to toxic substances in the environment," said Dr. Gregor Reid, a scientist at Lawson and at Western University.

"The idea was, could we use a simple food to at least reduce the risk that, if we do consume

Quoted

"We can't help being exposed to toxic substances."

Dr. Gregor Reid, scientist at Lawson and at Western University. His team aimed to identify a simple food that could be used to reduce adverse reactions to toxic substances in humans.

something, it minimizes the net adverse outcome?"

Toxins like mercury and arsenic are common in water and food, especially fish. The problem is greatest in areas where there is mining and agriculture, and in the developing world.

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North Carolina

Cops mistake black foster son as burglar

Police mistook a black teenager for a thief and pepper-sprayed him inside the North Carolina home of his white foster parents, authorities said Wednesday.

Responding to a neighbour's report of a break-in, police said they used pepper spray Monday when 18-year-old DeShawn Currie "became profane, threatening and belligerent" and "refused to follow instruc-

tions" from officers.

Currie's foster parents, Ricky and Stacy Tyler, said he has been with them for about a year. The Tylers, their three young children and Currie moved into their new home in July and don't know all their neighbours in the suburban Raleigh town of Fuquay-Varina, the Tylers said.

Police said there have been a spate of crimes recently and were suspicious of Currie, who is not in family photos.

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Kenyatta lawyer argues for dismissal

Lack of evidence.

Without legal grounds, Kenyan president's defence lawyer says the prosecution's case should be thrown out

Lawyers for Kenya's president on Wednesday asked judges at the International Criminal Court to drop the crimes-against-humanity case against him and acquit him, saying the prosecution has collapsed and cannot be resurrected.

Prosecutors have acknowledged that they do not currently have enough evidence to prosecute Uhuru Kenyatta for his alleged role in instigating and funding violence that left more than 1,000 people dead and forced 600,000 people from their homes in the aftermath of Kenya's 2007 elections.

But they blame the government Kenyatta leads for obstructing their investigation by failing to turn over potential evidence including Kenyatta's phone records, tax returns and bank account details.

"This case has failed and it has failed in a way that means there is no prospect of it going further," Kenyatta's defence lawyer Steven Kay told a three-judge panel. "If the prosecutor does not intervene, you act to terminate."

The status conference in Kenyatta's case has touched on the fundamental issue of



Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

how the world's first permanent international criminal court can successfully prosecute government leaders when it often has to rely on the co-operation of the same governments in gathering evidence.

Kenya's Attorney General told the court in a hearing on Tuesday that prosecution requests for evidence are not detailed enough for him to act on.

Prosecution trial lawyer Benjamin Gumpert cautioned judges that scrapping the case now would send a worrying message to other governments who could face prosecution in the future.

Gumpert said such a de-

cision would be interpreted as "the court saying that if a country sticks out for long enough obstructing proper inquiries being made by the prosecution ... then the case ... will go away."

That interpretation "would be disastrous," he added.

The prosecution has asked the judges to adjourn the case until Kenya fully co-operates in its investigation. The panel is not expected to rule on either request Wednesday.

Kenyatta's trial was scheduled to start after lengthy delays on Tuesday, but judges granted prosecutors a postponement because of the lack of evidence. The trial has twice been postponed and no

starting date has been set. The prosecutors' case has been weakened by witnesses refusing to testify or recanting statements.

The issue of obtaining evidence against heads of state goes to the heart of problems at the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal. It has no police force and relies on member states for assistance in investigations and arresting suspects.

Kenyatta is charged as an indirect co-perpetrator with murder, deportation, rape, persecution and inhumane acts allegedly carried out against his political opponents in the 2007 election.

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Nose spray may improve flu vaccine rates



FluMist flu vaccinations are as effective as classic injections, according to a study released Wednesday.

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Do-it-yourself flu vaccine? It could happen. Military folks who squirted the vaccine up their noses were as well-protected as others who got it from health workers, a study found.

There's no reason civilians couldn't do the same for children who might be less scared if the vaccine was given by a parent, the study leader said.

"A parent could easily administer it. You can't go wrong," and having a do-it-yourself option might improve vaccination rates, said Eugene Millar of the Uniformed Services University of

the Health Sciences in Rockville, Md.

So far, only health professionals are allowed to give MedImmune's FluMist, the only nasal spray flu vaccine.

Over the last two flu seasons, more than 1,000 service members and their families got the vaccine at military hospitals in San Diego and San Antonio, either from a health-care worker or by simply giving it to themselves.

Blood tests showed no difference in immune responses among groups receiving the spray in contrast to injections.

The vaccine comes in pre-filled syringes with stoppers dividing the dose in half — one for each nostril.

While it's easy to administer, it's not ready for widespread use and requires "an appropriately designed study that shows equal efficacy (and) safety" before being endorsed for use on children, said Dr. Jonathan Temte, a University of Wisconsin family medicine specialist who heads a panel that advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on vaccine policy.

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OSC. Panel doesn't want Conrad Black rehashing old news during testimony

Conrad Black will be allowed the right to speak in his own defence later this week before Canada's largest provincial securities commission, although it doesn't want to revisit issues that have already been through the U.S. legal system.

The Ontario Securities Commission panel also agreed Wednesday to also al-

low testimony from two of the witnesses proposed by the former media mogul, including his former secretary.

Black's testimony is scheduled to begin Friday. The head of the OSC panel, Christopher Portner, said he wants to ensure the Black hearing does not "recharacterize the evidence of the U.S. proceedings." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Called 'cramming'

AT&T to pay \$105M for billing people for bogus charges

Telecom giant AT&T will pay a hefty \$105-million US settlement after the U.S. government accused the company of unlawfully billing wireless customers for tens of millions of dollars in bogus charges — a practice known as cramming.

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Alleged false claim

Feds seek return of \$240,000 in oil spill claim money

The U.S. government is seeking the return of nearly \$240,000 after an Alabama man allegedly falsely claimed to have made the bulk of his 2009 income for himself and his business from shrimping — revenue that was shut off by the 2010 Gulf oil spill.

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Love animals? There's a crowdfunding site for you

LoveAnimals.org. If you have a soft spot for cute, cuddly creatures, you can donate via the site to help pets and wildlife

A large number of small online donations can turn pet projects into big lifesavers for animals.

LoveAnimals.org, a year-old crowdfunding site, is believed to be the first devoted to aiding just pets and wildlife. It has tapped into the power of online contributions, where people can give what they can, whether \$5 or \$500 US, to help a more costly project come to fruition. Through Love Animals, donors can help non-profit sanctuaries, pet rescues, animal hospitals, zoos and aquariums provide care and extra amenities for dogs, elephants, otters, horses and everything in between.

Animal efforts appear on other sites using the popular crowdfunding technique, such as Indiegogo, Kickstarter and Gofundme, but they are mixed with non-animal causes and for-profit companies. In July, the ResQwalk mobile app launched through Indiegogo, allowing people to raise money for animal rescues and shelters in the U.S. and Canada every time they go walking.



This screengrab shows the homepage of LoveAnimals.org, a new crowdfunding site devoted to helping pets and wildlife. If you scan this image with your Metro News App, you'll be able to see some of the animals this site is helping, including two really adorable otters. **SCREENGRAB**

"It's easier to get many people to give small sums of money than to get just a few people to give you large amounts of money," said Sarah Timms, a Colorado attorney who founded LoveAnimals.org.

The site gave a new chance at life to a kitten named Roger, who was thrown from a moving car in

Colorado in early September and required a leg amputation.

Longmont Humane Society in Colorado, which took in the one-pound kitten, doubled its goal of \$650 in less than 24 hours of online fundraising. Twenty people donated between \$5 and \$375 through Love Animals to help pay for medical bills

and rehab for Roger.

Timms founded the free site after reading a study from Massolution, a crowdfunding research company, which said crowdfunding raises billions of dollars globally every year.

"We will make sure animals get a piece of that pie," Timms said.

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SO HIP IT HURTS: A SUPERFAN'S TIMELINE

Maybe the clearest sign I'm getting older is that my favourite band is getting older, too. I am 38 Years Old, after all.

The Tragically Hip's library isn't the Library of Alexandria or anything, but they've been around long enough that they're about to re-release a 22-year-old album. I find this depressing, fully and completely.

Even the way I discovered The Hip is old school. I was at my old school listening to a mixtape on a Walkman, when I heard a song with a bass groove so deep I dove right in. It was At the Hundredth Meridian, where my great fandom begins.

Since then, I've seen the Hip in Holland and Las Vegas and, God help me, Moncton. I've talked to four of them, including a conversation with bassist Gord Sinclair where he told me they're still together because 'We're men, not boys.'

I'd best not squeal, then, I thought, as I nodded solemnly.

I've tried not to be That Fan, but it's hard. I went to a movie the-



HE SAYS
John Mazerolle
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atre to see a one-off closed-circuit thing the band was doing, and I was stopped by a cameraman on the way in to ask my thoughts for the nightly news.

What I wanted to say: "The Hip were the first rock band to use Canadian iconography in their songs, which eventually led to the group becoming iconic themselves." What I actually said: "They're, like, icons, man. Awesome."

I didn't thrust a beer in the air and yell "WHOO!" though, so, you know, small victories.

My extreme fandom's never stopped. I know more about the Hip than any normal person should. Here's a timeline of their career, completely off the top of my head:

• **Sept. 15, 1981:** The band gets together in high school, spurred on by the typical Canadian dream of forming a group that is 40 per cent Gord.

• **Feb. 28, 1983:** The band chooses the name The Tragically Hip

after watching a 1980s Saturday Night Live sketch of the same name, beating out close contenders "Land Shark" and "Roseanne Rosannadanna."

• **July 2, 1986:** Lead singer Gord Downie has a day that he later says inspired much of his songwriting, when some Bobcaygeon thugs lock him in the trunk of a car.

• **Aug. 9, 1987:** The band releases its second single, kicking off the well-loved fan ritual of saying, "They're good, but not as good as they used to be."

• **March 17, 1994:** The band is nearly torn apart by drummer Johnny Faye's double-double addiction.

• **Aug. 29, 2005:** Years of alleged fear mongering are vindicated when New Orleans begins sinking. FEMA offers the band a direct apology.

That timeline isn't strictly true, if you want to be a slave to the dictionary definition. But it does highlight my obsessive, silly fandom, and why I still like the band so much after so many years: They make me feel young. Or as renowned rock critic Lester Bangs once put it, "Icons, man. Awesome."

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So I'm a little torn about the **Nutcracker** soundtrack playing over this kangaroo fight. At first, I was indignant. Sure, the comedic value is plain. But it's also a disservice to anybody who hasn't heard what must be the magnificent sounds produced by a kangaroo boxing match. But by the time it was all over, I realized I'd hardly blinked and my heart was soaring. So well played, Rodney Langham. (Rodney Langham/YouTube)



SCREENGRAB

Twitter



@metropicks asked: A B.C. Pastafarian lost his driver's licence over refusing to ditch the colander in his ID photo, which he claims is his religious right to wear. Was the decision just?

@lustforlaughs: Pastafarianism can't be a religion because there is legitimate verifiable proof that pasta exists.

@nasty45: as long as he can wear the strainer to the Legion Im cool.

@edmontongue: jah win some jah lose some

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Prairie voices sing Rah Rah

New album. Regina indie rockers play Winnipeg on the heels of recording followup



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With six members, including three lead vocalists, making a Rah Rah record could easily turn into a case of too many cooks.

Still, when it came to creating their last album, *The Poet's Dead*, the Regina band brought two more chefs into its kitchen — Gus Van Go and Werner F — the production duo behind such gourmet rock recordings as *The Stills' Oceans Will Rise* and *Priestess' Hello Master*.

"We're a pretty indecisive band, a pretty easy-going, passive group of people. Gus and Werner really know what they want and they know how to achieve the things they want," explains vocalist-guitarist Marshall Burns, who is joined in Rah Rah by Kristina Hedlund, Erin Passmore, Joel Passmore, Leif Thorseth and Jeff Romanyk.

"They give us a direction. We can bring in 30 songs and they can say, 'These are the 10 best', and we can go from there."

And it was the right direction. Released in 2012 by Hidden Pony Records, *The Poet's Dead* won Independent Album of the Year at the 2013 Western Canadian Music Awards, made the 2013 Polaris Music Prize long list, and received a nomination for Alternative Album of the Year at the



Regina indie rock band Rah Rah is currently finishing up the followup to its Juno-nominated album *The Poet's Dead*. CHRIS GRAHAM

2014 Juno Awards.

Rah Rah is currently in the mixing stage of a new album, again produced by Gus Van Go and Werner F. In addition to helping shape Rah Rah's sound, Burns says the two producers have pushed him to write more direct lyrics.

"I'm a big fan of meta-

Details

Rah Rah plays the Park Theatre on Oct. 18. Toronto's *The Darcys* and Winnipeg's *Misc* en Scene open at 8 p.m.

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phor. I love Wilco and Jeff Tweedy's imagery and I love The Tragically Hip and Gord Downie's style of lyricism. But, what I love even more is a really great story that unveils itself over numerous listens to have other deeper meanings," Burns says.

"I like when there's a

really direct straight-ahead meaning that you can latch onto on the first listen, but on the 10th listen, you find this whole other spiritual or philosophical aspect to the song. There's a greater picture, but on the surface it's an interesting story that has a literal meaning that you can follow."

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Steve Carell talks tech and teenagers

Alexander. Actor's new family-friendly affair has him thinking about cellphone rules



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Steve Carell has been busy promoting both the family-friendly Disney flick *Alexander* and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day and Bennett Miller's gritty true-life drama *Foxcatcher*, which wowed at Cannes and Toronto and hits theatres next month. Luckily, Carell hasn't had any trouble keeping the two films straight.

All the kids in *Alexander* have iPhones, which struck me as odd, but then I don't have children. Is there a right age for that?
It's different for different people. As for my family, we have limits. I think you have to have limits and you have to put parameters on

that sort of usage. You want your kids to be engaged with other human beings — that's always a nice thing. Our daughter got her cellphone when she was 12. So when she entered seventh grade, she got a cellphone. And I think that's fairly common. I think for a while it was 16 or even older, but I think all of her friends at this point have cellphones. They're not allowed to use them in class or anything; they're really there for emergencies. "I need to come home, pick me up" kind of stuff.

And I assume there's a lot of peer pressure once other kids have them.

Yeah, certainly. Technology's changed a lot. Since I was a kid, the world is upside down technologically. I think parents are just navigating uncharted territory at this point.

My mom got me a pager when I was in high school. And now I know exactly when you grew up (laughs).

Because the lifespan of pagers was not a long one.

Longer than MiniDiscs, at least.

Oh yeah. I'm sure they don't make MiniDiscs anymore. I've heard, though, that vinyl is making a comeback, that digital music has sort of peaked and that vinyl is making a huge surge right now. I always loved album artwork. That to me is sort of a lost art; what album covers look like and just the feel of it.

You've also been promoting *Foxcatcher*, out later this fall, which is a very grown-up, Oscar-friendly drama. How do questions for the two films differ?

Well, I mean, the movies are just so tonally different, and one is based on a true story so there is, I think, much more responsibility involved.

***Alexander* isn't a true story?**
It could be! I'm not saying it's not a true story. A familiar story, to be sure. Let's say that. Certainly the questions



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Lots of good fortune and a little Bad Blood for England's Bastille

Big breaks. After years of struggle in the U.K., band is enjoying their 'easy' success on this side of the Atlantic

PAT HEALY
Metro World News in Boston

A few winters ago Chris Wood found himself going door-to-door in London, England, distributing flyers to offer his services as a drum teacher.

It was, as he describes, a chance at getting out of a career of working at a factory. But fate dealt him a kinder hand, as one of the people who saw his flyer was singer Dan Smith.

"So it happened that he was around that time thinking he should get a band together, and it happened to be that same week that I popped up with the flyer," recounts Wood.

"Basically, he rang me up, expecting me to be this 60-year-old man with a beard and he was asking if I had any drum students that would be good, and I was like, 'Nah, dude, I've only got two.'"

And so it goes that Wood — who is affectionately known as Woody — offered his own services and became the drummer for Bastille.

Though the band's success in the States has seemed rapid, there were years of struggle in their home country.

"In America, we were very fortunate in that we skipped some steps that most bands have to go through, like the stage where you are playing for 10 people at this bar, and then you drive 20 hours to play for 10 people at this other bar," he says, noting that by the time they had come to the U.S., their debut, *Bad Blood*, was already at No. 1 in England.

"In the U.K., though, we've seen it go from the very basic level where we were playing in pubs to where we are now."

Where they are now

Quoted

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Bastille drummer Chris Wood on being recruited by singer Dan Smith

believed in it early on, and we all stuck with it," he says.

is actually in the studio. When we speak with Wood, he's literally in the kitchen of a recording studio, where the members of Bastille have just completed seven days of recording on their followup to 2013's smash, *Bad Blood*.

But just because they found success the first time around doesn't mean the four-piece won't tinker with the formula.

"We're using guitars for the very first time," says Wood.

The way that the band members write has also changed.

They're now hammering out ideas together for the songs.

"I say songs, but it's really kind of just ideas right now.

"There are seven or eight at the moment at varying stages of completion," says Wood.

"We'd love to play these songs live, but people would be like, 'Why are you playing this half-finished mess?'"

But the process is still new and exciting for Bastille. Wood recalls that the early Bastille compositions were not as inclusive.

"In the beginning, the songs were all actually written in Dan's bedroom and then we'd go in and rehearse and sort of learn the songs.

"We'd be working all day and then go to the rehearsal space at about 10 at night and play until three in the morning and then get up at seven the next morning to go back to work ...

"It was obvious we all



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Rumer Willis and mom Demi Moore. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Demi lectures daughter on pitfalls of cosmetic surgery

Demi Moore is reportedly reading the riot act to daughter Rumer after the 26-year-old posted an Instagram photo with so prominent a pout that some suspected she'd dabbled in the world of plastic surgery.

Despite speculation over the years that Moore herself has gone under the

knife, she "got a few of her daughter's friends together and lectured them about the pitfalls of cosmetic surgery," a source tells the National Enquirer. "Demi thinks all her daughters are naturally beautiful. She worries that Rumer and her sisters feel pressure to chase an unrealistic Hollywood physical ideal."



Morrissey

'I'll rest when I'm dead' Morrissey tells worried fans

British singer Morrissey has revealed he is undergoing treatment for cancer, though he did not specify what type.

"They have scraped cancerous tissues from me four times already, but who cares," the 55-year-old former Smiths frontman tells Spanish newspaper El Mundo. "If I die, then I die. And if not,

then I don't. Right now, I feel good. I am aware that in recent photos I look unwell, but that is what illness does. I'm not going to worry about that, I'll rest when I'm dead."

Morrissey has been forced to cancel several concert appearances since the beginning of last year due to various health issues.

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Can you spare a fiver to help London block Nickelback?

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Metro in Hollywood

Who says the Internet can't be used as a force for good?

A British man has launched an online crowdfunding campaign with the express purpose of keeping Nickelback from performing in London.

Craig Mandell has set a goal of \$1,000, with all contributed funds going to charity, to show the band's management just how much Londoners don't want them around.

For each \$1 donation, he

will send Nickelback's management an email "kindly requesting that they do not play in London, England, for the foreseeable future."

A \$5 donation gets a "slightly more forceful email," and \$10 earns an email "full of explicit phrases and lots of capital letters and maybe even a rude emoticon or two."

But for donors really serious about getting their point across, nothing beats the \$50 donation level:

"Your donation will result in an email to Nickelback with an attached mp3 of Nickelback's music," Mandell writes.

"This way, the band will hear their own music and likely retire immediately, thereby ensuring the success of our campaign."

Do your part, folks.

Londoners will thank you.



Martha Stewart



Gwyneth Paltrow

Shocked Paltrow 'psyched' that Stewart sees Goop as real competition

This Gwyneth Paltrow-Martha Stewart feud has reached new levels of cattiness, thanks to a recent speech by Paltrow herself.

Apparently the Country Strong star heard Stewart's remarks that Paltrow "just needs to be quiet" and "if she were confident in her acting, she wouldn't be trying to be Martha Stewart."

Paltrow's response? "No one has ever said anything

bad about me before, so I'm shocked and devastated. I'll try to recover," she joked while speaking at Fortune magazine's Most Powerful Women Summit earlier this week. "If I'm really honest, I'm so psyched that she sees us as competition."

I can only hope they continue to snipe at each other at increasingly absurd high-brow functions. Keep it classy, ladies.



Twitter



@rihanna

Burning candles inside of the studio, rappin n prayin...



@ChloeGMoretz

LA for 24 hours? Obviously fitting in a @soulcycle class



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So what's the plan here? We all just gonna put a bunch of those Instagram baby pics in an album to show kids later in life?

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Clothes: the book on Betty

Written in retail.

Famed Bergdorf personal shopper Betty Halbreich talks closets, mirrors and memories

Clothes and how to wear them have been a constant in Betty Halbreich's life for most of her 86 years.

Good thing she landed a job at Bergdorf Goodman as a personal shopper nearly four decades ago.

The opportunity couldn't have been better timed. She was fresh out of a mental hospital after a breakdown following a split with her husband. She had found herself alone in his city — it wasn't hers — for the first time and needed a reason to get out of bed.

Fashion and style loomed large in her proper upbringing as a lonely only child in Chicago.

At the famed department store, it was the thing that saved her life. But with age, she's made a few changes, particularly when it comes to her relationship with clothes.

"I've loved clothes all of my life. I don't love them personally anymore. It's more of a job. Today it's like whatever's in the closet," the blunt-spoken Halbreich said by phone in a recent interview.

Dressing "correctly" has always come easily for Halbreich, especially under the watchful eye of her fastidious mother, so sharing that love by dressing others is about the only job she could have imagined.

Halbreich, with two grown children and three grandchildren, is still on the job, pulling looks for clients from the racks at Bergdorf



Betty Halbreich's lays out her life in a new book, *I'll Drink to That: A Life in Style with a Twist*, co-written by Rebecca Paley and released in September by Penguin Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and preparing to publish a book on her life spent finding the perfect fashions.

Closets have always been a source of comfort to you.

Kindred collaboration

Betty Halbreich on her friendship with *Girls* star Lena Dunham, who's developing a TV series inspired by Halbreich and her book.

- "We're going to have such a good time together if we ever get on with this, whatever we're doing. I feel like she's my other child. We're soulmates in a strange way. We've suffered through some of the same things. We think a lot alike. She's sweeter than I am."

They've played a huge role in your life.

They're my playhouse, like my dollhouse when I was growing up. I can get up in the middle of the night and

start doing them. I live in eight rooms. I have 12 closets. I just keep rearranging all the retro clothes backward and forward. Closets and keeping them neat are like a hobby. It's really going back to my childhood. I've had enough psychiatry to tell you.

You have an odd relationship with mirrors. You're surrounded by them all day long at the store.

I do have an odd relationship. My mirror is so terrible at home that when I see myself in a better mirror when I come to work I say, 'My God, Betty. Turn up the lights. Don't walk out in the morning looking like a shadow.'

But clients, I teach how to look in the mirror. It's so interesting. It's a reversal.

Let's get real

"Look, 37 years of this stupid job, if I don't know that it doesn't look good on them, I should really leave."

Betty Halbreich, Image consultant and personal stylist

It's psychological. I've always had a fight with mirrors. I've never liked a mirror image. I've never really liked who I was, you know. I like who I am today because I'm more comfortable.

How do you train somebody to like their image in the mirror?

My mirrors are three-way and most women do not like that three-way mirror thrown at them, where you see your rear end, and you see your side view. But if they're really enamoured of some beautiful piece of clothing it works.

I know what looks good on them the minute they put it on. Look, 37 years of this stupid job, if I don't know that it doesn't look good on them I should really leave.

So you don't live, eat and breathe fashion and shopping?

When I leave the store, I try to live another life. I don't talk about clothes.

I haven't been in Saks since they put the escalator in (that would be 1979). Maybe I'll have to go to Bloomingdale's to buy a pillowcase, but I don't tread in other stores. I find it extremely boring. It's like eating too much candy.

I don't want to bring it home. I'm really not interested.

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Trends Report

We've been experiencing a blast from the past as retro fashion trends are making a comeback. Go online to Trends Report to check out some of these trends, and let me know which you love — and which you hate.

• Online. metronews.ca/trends-report

• Follow Irene on Twitter @MetrolreneK and Instagram @kuanirene

Photo: Getty Images



Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Chrissy

Age: 27

Occupation: Music venue promoter

What she's wearing:

American Apparel cheetah top,

vintage pants and shoes from Timeless Apparel, and vintage sunglasses from Public Butter.

Her inspiration:

"David Bowie in the '70s."

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Fiona Douglas hand paints all Bluebellgray designs with watercolour paint.
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Scottish textile collection awash in watercolour warmth

Born in Scotland, made in Canada. Bluebellgray uses local talent for custom line

After hand painting the lush florals and abstract prints that adorn her designs, Fiona Douglas doesn't have far to look beyond her Glasgow studio to see her creative vision truly take shape.

The creator of Scottish textile company Bluebellgray has her original watercolours digitally printed on natural cloths that serve as the canvases for an expansive array of home interiors — some of which are produced just beyond her doorstep.

"We obviously can't do it across every product because some product lines you just can't simply make in the country where you want to make them," said Douglas, whose company uses ethically approved factories for overseas production.

"But from the very beginning, all of the cushions we've done in the U.K. market are printed in the U.K. The backing cloth comes from a little mill up the road

in Scotland. We sew them in Glasgow, the cushion pads come from a guy in Glasgow.

"It's very much local, and it's something that's been really important to me since the beginning of setting up this business is working with local suppliers and giving people jobs and opportunity. It's very much part of the ethos of what we do."

Hudson's Bay Co. All of the cushions for the retailer are sewn in Canada, and two of the furniture pieces in the exclusive collection — a tufted headboard with bright pink pin cushions and a colourful accent chair — are also manufactured here.



Bluebellgray
Arisaig pillow. THEBAY.COM

Bluebellgray's support of local producers has extended across the Atlantic as part of a new partnership with

the autumnal-toned Arisaig named for a village on Scotland's west coast; and Flower Field Meadow, which boasts oversized florals and bright colours. The Bay will also sell a selection of Bluebellgray's other popular designs in duvet sets, piped sheeting and quilts.

Douglas has eschewed following the masses or trends and remains committed to her own creative vision.

"I never look at trend boards. I never look at what's coming through, because I don't want to have that outside influence affecting what I do. I try and keep my inspiration quite pure," she said. "So the inspiration could be going to see a beautiful art exhibition or a lovely book that I've read."

"I think that by keeping the focus on my ideas and keeping them natural, it means you're not swayed by trends. And then the brand remains much more true to the heart and soul of what it's about."

While Douglas does create abstract designs, her boldly hued florals have been a distinct brand signature. While some may associate use of blooms with warmer-weather style, Douglas said she sees the beauty of florals in their ability to be incorporated year-round.

"There's nothing better on a cold winter day (than) if you come into your home and it's full of bright colour and flor-

Tricks for mixing prints



Bluebellgray's Fiona Douglas said people shouldn't shy away from mixing prints in the home — provided they work with different scales.

- "You can maybe have a really lovely large-scale print on your bed and then maybe a large-scale print on your cushions as well. And then you have a smaller scale print on the rug or maybe on your wallpaper."
- "If you keep a natural colour palette running throughout everything, then there will be this beautiful co-ordination that comes together," she said. "That's the most important thing for getting a coherent look in a room is to have the colours that all work together."
- "It doesn't necessarily have to be the same colour. It doesn't necessarily have to be all shades of blue. You can choose things that are all in the same colour family or the opposing colour family. As long as they're in the same tone, then they'll work in your room."

als. It's going to make you feel good," she said. "I would say the best way to deal with that if you're a little bit worried is use layering. Use quilts and use throws to add texture

and to layer on top of your florals, and that's what will add your coziness if you're wanting this cosy feeling for autumn and winter."

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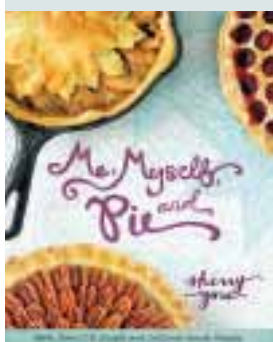
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Fiona Douglas of Bluebellgray

Making room for this dish is as easy as pie

Cookbook of the Week

The wonderful world of pie



Me, Myself, and Pie by Sherry Gore not only features 100 recipes that use simple, wholesome ingredients — it also shares stories of Amish life and culture.

Gore offers readers tried-and-true techniques that are sure to turn out picture-perfect pies, whether you're a novice or filled-pastry connoisseur.

Recipes include both sweet and savoury fillings. Among recipes are Peach Pie, Cream Cheese Pecan Pie, Sweet Potato Pie, Farmhouse Chicken Pot Pie; Ham and Cheese Hand Pies, and more. **METRO**

Alternative Thanksgiving Week.

Pumpkin pie will just have to share the spotlight with this Hearty Beef Pot Pie

Pastry Crust

1. Blend flour and salt well in a large bowl. Cut the shortening into pea-size pieces and work into flour mixture until crumbs form. In a separate bowl, mix together cold water and vinegar. Gradually add the water mixture to the flour mixture until combined. Shape the dough into a ball, cover in plastic wrap, and chill for at least 30 minutes.

2. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a uniform thickness. Place in a pie plate and trim the edges.

3. Bake at 400 F for 8 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Let cool. (Makes two 9-inch pie crusts).

To Prepare

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F. Place meat in a bowl and soak in 1 cup of milk for 5 minutes, then drain meat and dredge in 1 cup flour. Shake off excess. Place meat in a skillet and brown in butter and oil on all sides over medium high heat.

Ingredients

Pastry Crust

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup + 2 tbsp butter-flavoured vegetable shortening, chilled
- 5 tbsp ice cold water
- 1 tbsp vinegar

Beef Pot Pie

- Two 9-inch unbaked pastry pie crusts
- 1 lb beef stew mix, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/3 cup flour, divided
- 6 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cups beef broth, divided
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 cups potatoes, peeled, cubed, and cooked
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1 stalk celery, diced

Add onion before meat is completely browned. Turn down heat to low. Add 1 cup of broth and garlic, salt, and pepper and let simmer for 20 minutes.

2. In a bowl, whisk 1/3 cup of flour into 1 cup broth. Add to pan. Add the potatoes, peas and carrots, and celery to the pan and continue cooking until the beef is tender and the mixture is thick and bubbly.



For an extra touch, slather this pie in a rich gravy. **KATIE JACOBS**

3. Pour the mixture into an unbaked pie crust. Top with crust. Score the top crust to

vent. Bake at 450 F for 35 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown. **RECIPE FROM ME,**

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When Vancouverite Malee Perera and her son get ready for Halloween, Value Village is a prime destination.

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About 87 per cent of parents say their children dress up for Halloween, and 68 per cent of parents let their kids make the costume decisions.

"My son is really into music, so he's been Gene Simmons from Kiss for several years in a row," Perera says. "But every year the costume gets an upgrade."

Perera has a few tips for getting your costume perfect.

LOOK FOR INSPIRATION ONLINE

If you are stumped on what to wear this Halloween, Google it. Pinterest is another great resource for Halloween costumes, Perera says. The latest kids' movies continue to lead the costume inspiration. According to the survey, Canadians think Disney's Frozen will beat Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and X-Men: Days of the Future Past for the top movie costume inspiration.

Trick-or-treaters can also find tons of inspiration at valuevillage.com.

PICK UP SOME SPRAY PAINT

Want to change the colour of a second-hand item? Spray paint can take care of that. "Last year my son wanted to add some silver boots to his costume, so we found some second-hand boots that were the right shape but the wrong colour," Perera says. "Then we spray

painted them black and glued on some studs. They worked great."

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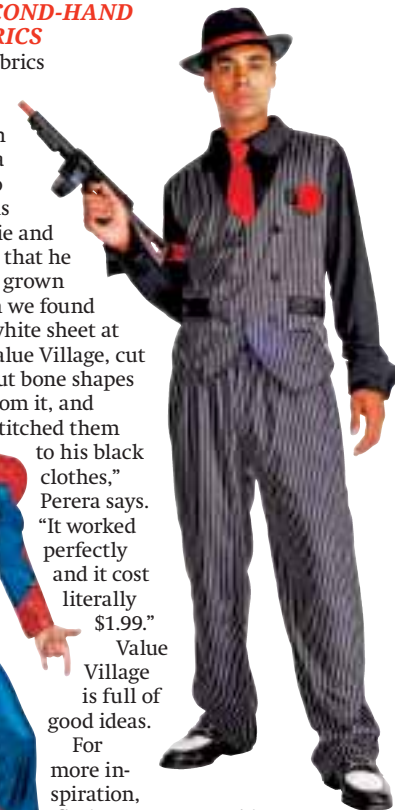
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second-hand. "One year my son dressed as a skeleton, so he wore this black hoodie and sweatpants that he had almost grown

out of, then we found a white sheet at Value Village, cut out bone shapes from it, and stitched them to his black clothes," Perera says. "It worked perfectly and it cost literally

\$1.99." Value Village is full of good ideas. For more inspiration, find great costume ideas and DIY Halloween crafts at valuevillage.com.

— Stephanie Orford



DECK YOUR HOME IN HALLOWEEN DECOR

It's time to find those pumpkin carving tools. The spookiest time of year is here again and four in 10 Canadians plan to decorate their house for the occasion, according to a 2014 survey by Value Village.

Decorate your home inexpensively with decorations and DIY supplies from the thrift store. Value Village specializes in all things Halloween.

CREEPY CRAWLERS WREATH

Send shivers down spines with a Halloween-themed wreath on your door. Take a regular twig wreath (thrifted from Value Village, or new) and attach a hoard of plastic spiders or snakes using floral wire to create the creepiest of welcomes for your trick-or-treaters. Paint your creepy crawlers black with acrylic paint for a monochromatic effect.

TERRIFYING TABLE SETTINGS

Drip red wax over top of white candles to create macabre mood lighting. Plastic vampire teeth make great napkin holders. A red cloth works perfectly to create a table runner, tablecloth or placemats. Use fabric scissors to cut the edges into blood-drip



Visit Value Village to make a do-it-yourself terrifying table setting. CONTRIBUTED

shapes to create an effect the vampires among us will love.

GOLDEN PUMPKINS

Wow your guests with golden gourds. Give an assortment of mini-pumpkins the Midas touch. Use glue and dip them in gold confetti or sparkles, or simply spray paint some or all of the pumpkin gold to create decorations worthy of Cinderella.

PUMPKIN ICE BUCKET

Looking for decorations that are cool and practical? Slice a large pumpkin in half horizontally and hollow out to create a bowl. Fill with ice and a little water and insert your cans or bottles of choice. Chilling!

MOOD LIGHTING

Find a wealth of second-hand glass containers at Value Village to create mood lighting for your Halloween celebration. Wrap the exterior with cheesecloth, apply stick-on googly eyes, insert glow stick or battery-operated light and voila! You have yourself a mummy light.

Visit [@saversvillage](https://www.pinterest.com/saversvillage/) on Pinterest for many more great ideas for decorating your home this Halloween.

— Stephanie Orford

EVERY DONATION, PURCHASE HELPS

Sometimes Halloween costumes can be reused for years, but if you are tired of being the predictable guy at the party, don't throw your costume in the trash — donate at Value Village.

One person's trash is another's treasure, especially when it comes to Halloween costumes.

Every time you donate your child's outgrown costume at Value Village, not only will it bring another child just as much fun, but it will also go toward providing sustainable funding for vital community programs and services.

Value Village partners with local not-for-profit organizations to make this happen with all items that are on the floor, so that every donation and every purchase helps.

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Majority of blindness can be avoided: Professor

"People should understand that chronic eye diseases, for the most part, are silent," says Prof. Neeru Gupta, the Dorothy Pitts chair of ophthalmology and visual science at St. Michael's Hospital at the University of Toronto. "They're a ticking time bomb, and the progression of the diseases is often slow and insidious."

"If people are reading this, or watching World Sight Day news on TV, they need to get checked and be aware, especially if they have risk factors."

The call to action for this year's World Sight Day, established by a partnership between the International Association for the Prevention of Blindness and the World Health Organization, is No More Avoidable Blindness. Gupta says the majority of blindness in Canada could be prevented.

"Between macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy, over 75 per cent of blindness in Canada is preventable," she says. "We need to make sure people are aware that just because you don't think you have a problem, it doesn't mean you don't. After all, one

EVERY 12 MINUTES

According to Prof. Neeru Gupta, the Dorothy Pitts chair of ophthalmology and visual science at St. Michael's Hospital at the University of Toronto, someone in Canada loses their vision every 12 minutes.

million Canadians have some form of macular degeneration.

"These diseases are not curable, but they are treatable. Especially in Canada, where we have universal access to vision care."

World Sight Day also affords people to reflect upon how far we have come as a society in our accessibility efforts.

"World Sight Day allows both blind and sighted individuals to reflect on blindness in the world today," says Sarah Jevnikar, an accessibility consultant for London, Ont.-based Digital Echidna, who is visually impaired herself. "Science has come a long way in



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preventing avoidable blindness, but there is much to be done on all sides to ensure inclusion and equality of blind citizens within society.

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Spurs go Gaga in Berlin

Lady Gaga attends the NBA Global Games basketball friendly match between German champions Alba Berlin and NBA champions San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday at Berlin's O2 World Arena. Scan the image for results from the game ... you might be surprised. **TOBIAS SCHWARZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES**

Shanghai Masters

Big names advance, Raonic Pospisil drop out

Canada's Milos Raonic and Vasek Pospisil were eliminated at the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday while Roger Federer, Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic advanced to the third round.

Raonic, the No. 8 seed from Thornhill, Ont., trailed 2-5 in the opening set when he retired from his second-round match against Argentina's Juan Monaco. It wasn't immediately clear why Raonic decided to end the match.

The unseeded Pospisil, from Vancouver, dropped a 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-4 decision to No. 14 Roberto Bautista Agut despite firing 15 aces to the Spaniard's two. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

UFC

Macdonald next in line: White

Canadian Rory (Ares) MacDonald is getting his UFC title shot. And it will happen in Canada.

UFC president Dana White has confirmed that the 25-year-old welterweight will fight the winner of the UFC 181 main event between 170-pound champion Johnny (Bigg Rigg) Hendricks and No. 1 contender (Ruthless) Robbie Lawler.

Hendricks and Lawler meet Dec. 6 in a Las Vegas rematch of their UFC 171 bout in March that decided the successor to Georges St-Pierre.

MacDonald, ranked No. 2 among welterweight contenders, has won three straight and eight of his last nine in the UFC. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Trial might end Peterson's season

Unlikely this year.

Tentative date to begin trial set for Dec. 1, last game is Dec. 28

Adrian Peterson is hoping to go to trial as soon as possible. Whether the star running back for the Minnesota Vikings returns to the playing field any time soon is another question entirely.

A Texas judge on Wednesday set a tentative Dec. 1 trial date for Peterson to face a felony charge of child abuse after using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son in suburban Houston earlier this year. Defence attorney Rusty Hardin said after the hearing that Peterson is "chomping at the bit" to defend himself publicly.

But the case might not be tried before the end of the year, meaning Peterson — who is on paid leave from the team — may not be back on the field this season. The Vikings' final regular-season game is Dec. 28.

The trial date might change, too: Montgomery County District Attorney Brett Ligon said he intends to file a motion to recuse Judge Kelly Case after the judge called each lead attorney in the case a "media whore." Case apologized, saying the comment was meant as a joke.

A Nov. 4 hearing was scheduled on whether to assign a new judge.

Peterson faces up to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted of injury to



Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson leaves court in Conroe, Texas, on Wednesday. Judge Kelly Case tentatively set a Dec. 1 trial date for Peterson on a charge of felony child abuse for using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son. **JASON FOCHTMAN/CONROE COURIER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

a child. He has said he never intended to harm his son and was only disciplining him in the same way he had been as a child growing up in East Texas.

Accompanied by his wife and with his mother, Peterson did not speak during his court appearance and did not enter a plea. Hardin has indicated Peterson will plead not guilty and said he wants to try the case as quickly as possible since Peterson can't play while the charge is pending. Hardin had wanted the trial to begin a

week before Thanksgiving.

"He just keeps getting hammered without the ability to respond," Hardin told Case. "This is the place to resolve all those allegations."

Peterson arrived in a black SUV and was quickly surrounded by a throng of reporters. Nearby was a person wearing a wildcat costume and holding a sign that said "Free AP" in sparkling letters, prompted a chuckle from Hardin.

Corporal punishment is legal in every state. The Texas

Attorney General's Office notes that belts and brushes "are accepted by many as legitimate disciplinary 'tools,'" but "electrical or phone cords, boards, yardsticks, ropes, shoes and wires are likely to be considered instruments of abuse."

Legal experts say the final determination of what is reasonable discipline will be based on the standards found in the local community, and Texas law offers no definition of what that is.

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Canada's sevens has high expectations



Nathan Hirayama, left, and Phil Mack pose for a photo with the HSBC Sevens World Series trophy on Oct. 2, in Vancouver. Canada's sevens team will miss the two in Australia due to injury. **RICH LAM/GETTY IMAGES**

Canada's rugby sevens team faces more challenges this season than finding a replacement set of size-15 boots for Adam Zaruba, whose luggage did not join him upon touching down in Australia this week.

The Canadian men arrived at the Gold Coast Sevens with the weight of expectations after a record sixth-place finish in last season's IRB World Series. They will likely surprise no one this season.

"I think that's one of our big challenges this year," act-

ing Canadian coach Ben Herring said Wednesday from Australia. "Maybe last year teams didn't treat us as seriously as they should. I think people will be under no illusions that we can perform at a good level.

"It makes it harder for us in that teams will be making sure they put on their best performances here. But that's great for us because that's where we want to be. We want teams to take us seriously and play with an intensity that they would treat any

of the top sides. We've got to deal with that. We're prepared and we come ready for that."

Herring, Rugby Canada's technical coach and performance analyst, is in charge of the team while newly hired coach Liam Middleton of Zimbabwe goes through immigration red tape. Kieran Crowley, coach of the national 15-man team, had been guiding the sevens squad in the interim but he is back in B.C. for the IRB Americas Championship, which starts Saturday in Langford. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Racking up the mileage

The opening Australian stop on the nine-event circuit is a one-off.

The other eight are split in four sets of two a week apart, starting with stops in Dubai on Dec. 5-6 and South Africa Dec. 13-14. That may help a Canadian team that is hurting at the moment.

Nanyak Dala, Nathan Hirayama, Phil Mack, Mike Scholz and Sean White were all unavailable to Herring due to injury.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Face up to emotional problems. There is a time and a place for everything, and this is the time and the place to make your feelings known. Be honest and tell others to be honest too.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

A business venture may seem straightforward but as Mercury is in one of its retrograde phases there may be hidden pitfalls. Don't commit unless you have a get-out clause.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Your approach to a certain situation may be ridiculed by those who think you are doomed to failure but they won't be laughing when they see you make a success of it.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You will learn as much from your mistakes today as you do from your successes, so be of good cheer and expect an upturn in your fortunes soon.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Others may be willing to listen to your opinions today but will they act on what you suggest? Don't worry about that. Just ensure you live up to your ideals.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You may have misgivings about a deal but you'd be wise to ignore them. What happens over the next few days should give you a sense of confidence.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

The changes you are going through may be what you need but that won't stop you from worrying. The planets urge you to keep faith with what you have decided and eventually your luck will return.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Because mind planet Mercury is moving retrograde it will take a concentrated mental effort not to give in to feelings of doom. It is an effort worth making.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Today's cosmic picture is misleading to say the least, so don't make decisions on what you think loved ones have been saying. Chances are you have misinterpreted their meaning.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Communication won't be easy over the next 24 hours, and when you get a straight answer from someone you may not be able to trust it. Keep what you want to say for another day.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Trust your instincts if they lead you in a certain direction today but don't expect others to follow without question.

♓ Pisces

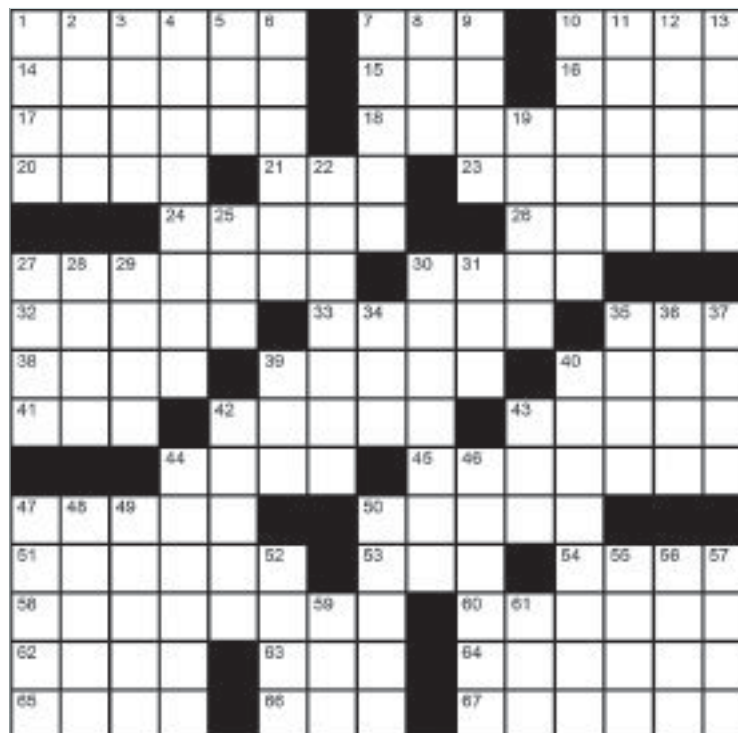
Feb. 20 - March 20

Your imagination could easily run away with you today, especially if you are having second thoughts about a project. Don't get carried away.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Kardashians guy Scott
7. Queen from folklore
10. Try out
14. Actress, Maria Conchita
15. Genius
16. "My Way" bit: "_____ it up and spit it out."
17. Praying insect
18. Barenaked Ladies bassist Jim
20. Business: 'Big Board', briefly
21. Gardening implement
23. _____ Bridge (1500s-built oldest crosser of Venice's Grand Canal)
24. Whirls
26. Smile scornfully
27. Mr. Ferguson, Canadian jazz trumpeter
30. Canadian hockey star Mr. Weber
32. The Tempest spirit
33. Supermodel Kate
35. Music's Brian
38. Seven: French
39. Tennis great Chris
40. Handle
41. Owns
42. Persona non _____
43. Still _____ (Maya Angelou poem)
44. True: French
45. _____ Afshin-Jam (Activist wife of Justice Minister Peter MacKay who was Miss World Canada in 2003)



47. Ms. MacDowell
50. Askew, to a Scot
51. Trumpet-like instrument
53. "Waking _____ Devine" (1998)
54. Bausch + _____ (Contacts care brand)
58. Harbour hazard: 2 wds.

60. Mr. Estevez
62. Mr. Shankar
63. Ms. Larter
64. McDonald's character
65. Actor, Roscoe _____ (b.1895 - d.1962)
66. Celebrity chef Sandra
67. Dotted-line

- endorser
- Down**
1. Exasperated expletive!
2. William Faulkner's As _____ Dying
3. Some of "The Brady Bunch"
4. Cyberspace
5. "_____": Crime Scene

- Investigation"
6. _____ salt (Seasoning)
7. Ceremonial staffs
8. Horiz.
9. "Cheers" order
10. Fantasy novel by Weyburn, Saskatchewan born author Guy Gavriel Kay
11. Bald _____

12. Condition
13. Plácido Domingo's voice
19. Iron: German
22. Leakey Family's famous excavation site, _____ Gorge
25. 'Arbor' suffix (Relating to trees)
27. Crush
28. "Diamonds _____ Girl's Best Friend"
29. Litter barks
30. "_____ Empire", new CBC Western
31. Popular
34. Hamster or parrot
35. Ireland, in verse
36. Inconclusive
37. Frank
39. Baseball pitcher's stat.
40. Arctic _____ (Northwest Territories' official fish)
42. Hellenic language
43. 'Capital' suffix
44. Da _____ (Mona Lisa and Annunciation)
46. Some trees
47. Canadian performers' union
48. Tuque-less, say: 2 wds.
49. The Cars hit
50. Brad Pitt's wife, to pals
52. Cookware brand
55. The Good Earth heroine
56. Distance unit
57. Foretell
59. Bravo!
61. Me: French

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Sudoku

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Yesterday's Sudoku



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